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TAGS: SREF, CVIS, CB (CHENG HENG)

SUBJECT: CARE, MAINTENANCE AND ONWARD TRAVEL CHENG HENG

REF: (A) PARIS 11186 EXDIS (B) STATE 099379 EXDIS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST IN PARA 3 REF B, WE HAVE ASKED CHENG HENG FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF HIMSELF AND HIS CLOSE FAMILY FROM HIS ARRIVAL IN PARIS APRIL 1 TO APRIL 28. HE HAS PROVIDED HOTEL RECEIPTS FOR FOUR ROOMS OCCUPIED BY THE 9 MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY NOW IN PARIS, TO A TOTAL OF 3,3L5FF80 (APPROXIMATELY \$815.00). IN ADDITION HE HAS ESTIMATED 15,390FF (APPROXIMATELY \$3,800) FOR MEALS AT RESTAURANT AND 1,000 (\$240.00) FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NINE PERSONS. THE HOTEL IS A VERY MODEST HOTEL, AND THE BILLS SEEM REASONABLE. ALTHOUGH THE COST OF FOOD MAY SEEM HIGH, ONE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THE UNFAVORABLE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE DOLLAR AND THE HIGH PRICE OF RESTAURANT FOOD IN FRANCE. HENCE THIS BILL ALSO SEEMS WITHIN REASON. DAILY PER PERSON EXPENDITURES ARE UNDER \$20 COMPARED WITH THE EMBASSY PER DIEM RATE OF \$57 FOR FRANCE.

2. CHENG HENG EXPECTS THAT THE EXPENSES FOR HIS FAMILY FROM APRIL 28 UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE WILL CONTINUE AT THE SAME RATE. THEY MAY INCREASE SLIGHTLY WITH THE ARRIVAL IN PARIS OF TWO DAUGHTERS CURRENTLY IN BOARDING SCHOOL.

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3. WE HAVE GIVEN NO ASSURANCES TO CHENG HENG THAT WE  
WOULD BE ABLE TO REIMBURSE HIM FOR THESE EXPENSES. HE  
NONETHELESS IS AWARE THAT THERE IS SOME CHANCE OF REIM-  
BURSEMENT, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING SOON WHETHER  
WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE AND IF SO WHETHER IT WILL BE  
DIRECTLY OR THROUGH SOME VOLUNTARY AGENCY.

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